

Copyright Laws and the Use of Copiers in the Mamaroneck Public Library Policy

The purpose of this Policy is to alert Patrons and Staff of the United States copyright laws (Title 17, United States Code) that govern the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material.

The Mamaroneck Public Library provides copiers and networked printers for the convenience and lawful use of its patrons. While library staff act in good faith by posting public notices and other practices to remind library patrons about copyright laws and restrictions, they cannot be liable for the acts of individual patrons using library materials or equipment. Works copied from the Library may be used only for private study, scholarship or research.

Library staff generally do not photocopy materials for patrons, although exceptions may be made when circumstances warrant. In the course of their work, library staff seek to adhere to the tenets of Title 17 and will not fulfill patron requests that constitute violations of copyright law. Beyond those stipulated by the law, the Mamaroneck Public Library places no restrictions on the photocopying of library materials by patrons, except in cases where fragile materials may be damaged during the photocopying process.

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